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SUBJECT: NPG: LOCATION OF FALL 1973 MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. SUBJECT OF SITE OF FALL NPG MINISTERIAL AROSE DURING CALL AT FOREIGN OFFICE ON OTHER SUBJECTS. RESPONSIBLE MFA OFFICIAL (DA RIN) STRONGLY REITERATED ITALY' S DISINCLINATION TO ACT AS HOST. HE SAID THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE' S NATO OFFICE WAS ALREADY COMMITTED TO A HOST OF OTHER ACTIVITIES THIS FALL AND WAS PHYSICALLY INCAPABLE OF SUPPORTING AN NPG MEETING. WHEN ASKED IF THE POLITICAL CLIMATE HAD ANY BEARING ON THE ITALIAN POSITION, DA RIN RESPONDED NEGATIVELY AND EMPHASIZED THAT ITALY WOULD BE GLAD TO HOST EITHER
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THE SPRING OR FALL 1974 MINISTERIAL.

2. BY WAY OF AN OBITER- DICTUM, DA RIN COMMENTED THAT IT WAS
THE NETHERLANDS TURN AND IT WAS THE ITALIAN BELIEF THAT THE
CURRENT DUTCH GOVERNMENTAL SITUATION WOULD PERMIT THEIR HOSTING
THE FALL MEETING. VOLPE

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